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SUBJECT: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF VISIT

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1. EDWARD F. TENNANT AND RAMON E. GONZALEZ, STUDY TEAM
MEMBERS, HOUSE APPROP. COM., NOW PLAN ARRIVE KUALA LUMPUR
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JULY 8 FROM MANILA ON PHILIPPINES AIRLINES FLIGHT 507.
TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF TEAM AGENDA BELOW. WE REALIZE THIS CO-
INCIDES WITH MALAYSIAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. IF YOU
BELIEVE PROXIMITY TO ELECTIONS WOULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES
WITH ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND/OR
WOULD OVERBURDEN EMBASSY STAFF DURING ELECTION PERIOD,
PLEASE INFORM US SOONEST. TENNANT AND GONZALEZ ANTICIPATE
FIRST TWO DAYS OF VISIT WILL BE RESERVED FOR CONSULTATIONS

IN KUALA LUMPUR WHICH HAVE BEEN SYNCHRONIZED WITH OTHER TEAM MEMBERS WHO WILL BE OR WILL HAVE BEEN IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE WELCOME ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON AGENDA AND IN PARTICULAR ON PORTIONS WHICH INVOLVE VISITS TO SENSITIVE AREAS. IF JULY 8 ARRIVAL DATE IS ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE MEET AND ARRANGE TWO SINGLES.

2. STUDY TEAM PLANS TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS IN MALAYSIA AND REQUESTS EMBASSY DEVISE AN ITINERY THAT WILL EMPHASIZE PROJECT VISITS AND KEEP PROTOCOL VISITS TO MINIMUM NECESSARY. USE DISCRETION IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED PROJECTS BE TOO MUCH FOR THE ALLOTTED TIME. ITEM (D) AND UNDP/IBRD PROJECT ARE LOWEST PRIORITY.

3. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN ITINERARY FOR MALAYSIA:

(A) BRIEFING BY EMBASSY.

(B) BRIEFING BY FELDA WITH EMPHASIS ON PROJECTS WITH IBRD FINANCING. VISIT TO JENGKA TRIANGLE ACTIVITY, IBRD LOAN 885, MAY BE BEST TO FLY TO KUANTAN AND DRIVE BACK TOWARD MARAN. WHILE IN KUANTAN SEE PORT PROJECT, ADB LOAN 167.
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(C) FLY TO KOTA BAHARU AREA TO SEE SOMETHING OF NORTH KELANTAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT, IBRD LOAN 1294. POSSIBLY TALK WITH UNDP/IBRD COOPERATIVE TEAM WORKING IN THIS AREA.

(D) FLY TO PENANG AREA TO SEE INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS AND BRIEFLY VISIT ADB LOAN PROJECTS IN AREA, SUCH AS NO. 4, WATER SUPPLY; NO. 101, AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT; NO. 184, PORT EXPANSION.

4. ON WAY BACK TO STATES, THE PLAN IS TO FLY KUALA LUMPUR TO KUCHING, SARAWAK TO SEE PORT PROJECT, ADB LOAN 18.

5. TEAM HAS TICKETS KL TO HONG KONG VIA EAST MALAYSIA. NEED TO BE IN HK TO CATCH PAA 6 ON JULY 19.

6. SUGGEST EMBASSY MAKE NECESSARY RESERVATIONS ONWARD FROM KL TO HONG KONG VIA KUCHING.

7. TEAM WILL HAVE BLANK GTRS. IF NOT USABLE FOR LOCAL TRAVEL, EMBASSY SHOULD BILL CHARGES DIRECTLY TO FUND CITE 20A 1510. CHARGE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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